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TAGS: UNGA, SHUM

SUBJ: 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION HOSTED A MEETING JULY 6

OF LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND  
OTHER GROUP TO DISCUSS THE 3RD COMITE AGENDA FOR  
THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES  
AND RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH TWO INFORMAL  
GROUPS COMPOSED OF ALL THOSE INTERESTED, TO BEGIN WORKING  
ON SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. ONE GROUP, LED BY AUSTRALIA,  
WILL CONCENTRATE ON INITIATIVES PERTAINING TO HUMAN  
RIGHTS MACHINERY, (WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE HIGH COM-  
MISSIONER PROPOSAL). THE OTHER GROUP, TO BE CONVENED  
BY SWEDEN, WILL DEAL WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS ON TORTURE  
AND CRIME PREVENTION. THE US WILL PARTICIPATE  
IN BOTH GROUPS. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD NEXT  
WEEK.

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3. AT THE JULY 6 MEETING, WE PRESENTED A TEXT OF  
THE US PROPOSAL ON TORTURE AND INVITED COMMENTS  
AND SUGGESTIONS. THE ENSUING DEBATE REVEALED THAT  
THERE ARE DEFINITELY TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT ON HOW TO  
APPROACH THE SUBJECT OF TORTURE. THE SWEDES, SUPPORTED  
BY AUSTRIA AND PORTUGAL, WANT TO CONCENTRATE ON DRAFTING

A CONVENTION ON TORTURE AND ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO  
TABLING ANY CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL  
DISTURB THE SO-CALLED CONSENSUS ATMOSPHERE. THE  
DUTCH AND AUSTRALIANS REPORTED THEY FEEL THE TME HAS  
COME FOR A MORE ACTIVE APPROACH AND THEY ARE NOT  
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN THE  
DRAFTING OF A CONVENTION. WE EXPLAINED THAT THE US  
HOPES TO WORK OWARD A RESOLUTION WITH THE BROADEST  
POSSIBLE SUPPORT, AND WE HOPE THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE  
ABLE TO DEVELOP ONE OR TWO ACCEPTABLE TEXTS ON THE  
SUBJECT.

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